



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

Released: 2:00 p.m., Monday
May 22, 2006

Week of May 15 – May 21, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot, dry week.

Winter wheat showing stress.

Range and pasture condition slipping.

Summer temperatures arrived with almost no rain across the State last week. All stations reported above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Some areas recorded record highs for the date. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the upper 70's to upper 80's, and lows in the low 30's to low 40's. Precipitation was virtually nonexistent and is below normal for the year at nearly all stations.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 44 percent of the State, 14 points below last week. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in 77 percent of the State. Irrigation water has been released across most of the State. Producers were busy in the fields and warmer temperatures pushed crop progress. Rangeland was desperately in need of rain in many areas. Some producers already had to move off normal Spring grazing because of lack of grass and very little water. A fear of summer grazing on public rangelands being cut short already exists.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

| | TOPSOIL | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-yr Avg |
| | Percent | | | |
| Very Short | 8 | 3 | 5 | 12 |
| Short | 48 | 39 | 23 | 42 |
| Adeq | 44 | 57 | 70 | 46 |
| Surp | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

| ITEM | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Barley Pltd | 88 | 80 | 90 | 94 |
| Barley Emgd | 72 | 59 | 76 | 76 |
| Barley Jntd | 10 | 5 | 8 | 11 |
| Oats Pltd | 78 | 63 | 82 | 83 |
| Oats Emgd | 60 | 36 | 54 | 52 |
| Oats Jntd | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Spring Wheat Pltd | 76 | 57 | 85 | 86 |
| Spring Wheat Emgd | 48 | 29 | 59 | 56 |
| Spring Wheat Jntd | 8 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Winter Wht Jntd | 80 | 34 | 73 | 72 |
| Winter Wht Boot | 16 | 0 | 13 | 23 |
| Sugarbeet Emgd | 64 | 45 | 64 | 62 |
| Corn Pltd | 81 | 43 | 78 | 77 |
| Corn Emgd | 35 | 4 | 19 | 36 |
| Dry Beans Pltd | 11 | 0 | 5 | 11 |

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.7 days were suitable for fieldwork. The winter wheat crop was entering the boot stage behind the average pace and showing signs of distress in major areas due to lack of moisture. Condition fell with 33 percent rated good or better compared with 76 percent last week. Small grain seeding made good progress but remained behind the average pace. Barley had been planted on 88 percent of the expected acreage, behind both last year and the average. Development also continued behind the average pace. Seventy-five percent of the barley crop was in good condition. Producers finished seeding 78 percent of the oats and 76 percent of the spring wheat, both behind the 5-year average and last year. Spring small grains were just beginning to joint.

Sugarbeets were progressing slightly ahead of the normal pace with almost one-third of the crop emerged. Warmer temperatures enabled producers to finish seeding 81 percent of the corn crop compared with 43 percent last week. Corn emergence was on schedule. Producers started planting dry beans.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

| ITEM | V POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCEL |
|------------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 25 | 75 | 0 |
| Winter Wht | 6 | 18 | 43 | 32 | 1 |

LIVESTOCK CONDITION TABLE

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Farm Flock Ewes Lambed | 97 | 94 | 100 | 99 |
| Range Flock Ewes Lambed | 69 | 54 | 61 | 64 |
| Range Flock Sheep Shorn | 92 | 82 | 93 | 95 |

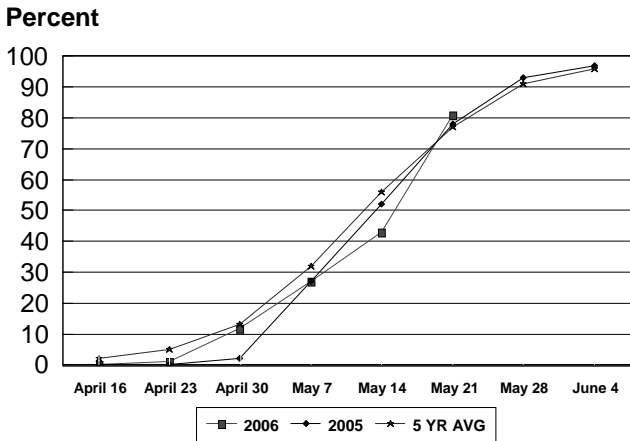
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Dry, windy weather hurt range and pasture conditions with 37 percent rated good and 1 percent excellent, compared with 53 percent good and 1 percent excellent last week. Conditions were more comparable to last year at this time. Farm flock lambing was virtually complete at 97 percent. Range flock lambing and shearing were 69 and 92 percent complete, compared with the averages of 64 and 95 percent. Lamb losses remained mostly normal.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

| ITEM | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Very Poor | 3 | 0 | 4 | 13 |
| Poor | 13 | 9 | 20 | 22 |
| Fair | 46 | 37 | 40 | 40 |
| Good | 37 | 53 | 30 | 24 |
| Excellent | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, May 19th, were well above normal across the entire State. Averages ranged from 0.5 degrees above normal in Redbird to 11.1 degrees above normal in Cody. The high temperature was 91 in Greybull and the low was 27 in Redbird. Precipitation was below normal for the entire State. The most precipitation was reported in Laramie with only 0.02 inches. Rock Springs, Greybull, Newcastle, and Cheyenne each received 0.01 inches. All other stations reported only a trace or no precipitation at all.

Corn Planted



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 19, 2006

| TEMPERATURE | | | PRECIPITATION | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| | | | CUMULATIVE 1/ | | | | | |
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| | | | : NORM : | | | | | |
| | | | DEP. | AMT. | DEP. | 1/06 | THRU | DEP. |
| | | | FROM | PAST | FROM | TO | CURR | FROM |
| STATION | MAX | MIN | NORM | WEEK | NORM | DATE | WEEK | NORM |
| SNAKE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson | 84 | 30 | 10.7 | 0.00 | -0.54 | 5.91 | 6.48 | -0.57 |
| Afton | 80 | 32 | 10.7 | 0.02 | -0.50 | 5.35 | 7.41 | -2.06 |
| GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Uinta County AP | 77 | 42 | 10.6 | T | -0.35 | 3.07 | 4.42 | -1.35 |
| Big Piney AP | 81 | 29 | 9.5 | T | -0.24 | 1.56 | 2.35 | -0.79 |
| Rock Springs AP | 81 | 40 | 9.6 | 0.01 | -0.30 | 1.92 | 3.83 | -1.91 |
| BIG HORN DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Cody | 84 | 43 | 11.1 | 0.00 | -0.45 | 2.08 | 3.68 | -1.60 |
| Deaver | 89 | 38 | 7.3 | 0.00 | -0.26 | 1.05 | 1.60 | -0.55 |
| Greybull AP | 91 | 40 | 7.3 | 0.01 | -0.33 | 0.84 | 2.70 | -1.86 |
| Powell Field St | 89 | 42 | 9.9 | 0.00 | -0.35 | 0.92 | 2.10 | -1.18 |
| Worland FAA AP | 89 | 39 | 6.8 | T | -0.37 | 1.48 | 2.82 | -1.34 |
| POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Kaycee | 87 | 36 | 6.9 | 0.00 | -0.61 | 2.79 | 4.89 | -2.10 |
| Sheridan WSO AP | 88 | 33 | 4.4 | 0.00 | -0.56 | 3.45 | 5.73 | -2.28 |
| BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Dillinger | 86 | 32 | 4.4 | 0.00 | -0.62 | 4.49 | 5.22 | -0.73 |
| Sundance | 83 | 34 | 5.2 | 0.00 | -0.65 | 7.56 | 6.56 | 1.00 |
| CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Newcastle | 86 | 35 | 3.0 | 0.01 | -0.58 | 5.53 | 5.12 | 0.41 |
| Redbird | 87 | 27 | 0.5 | 0.00 | -0.62 | 3.05 | 5.22 | -2.17 |
| LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Casper AP | 87 | 32 | 5.1 | T | -0.54 | 3.64 | 5.26 | -1.62 |
| Cheyenne AP | 80 | 33 | 5.3 | 0.01 | -0.57 | 3.33 | 5.16 | -1.83 |
| Chugwater | 84 | 31 | 2.2 | 0.00 | -0.71 | 4.30 | 5.71 | -1.41 |
| Douglas AP | 86 | 32 | 3.6 | T | -0.56 | 2.86 | 4.91 | -2.05 |
| Torrington AP | 89 | 34 | 2.9 | T | -0.60 | 2.29 | 4.70 | -2.41 |
| Wheatland 4 N | 85 | 35 | 2.8 | T | -0.60 | 2.51 | 4.32 | -1.81 |
| WIND RIVER DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Lander AP | 86 | 41 | 9.6 | T | -0.54 | 3.04 | 5.96 | -2.92 |
| Riverton AP | 85 | 41 | 8.9 | T | -0.41 | 2.37 | 3.20 | -0.83 |
| UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Laramie AP | 80 | 29 | 5.3 | 0.02 | -0.38 | 1.38 | 3.81 | -2.43 |
| Rawlins AP | 83 | 31 | 6.9 | T | -0.34 | 1.02 | 3.78 | -2.76 |
| Saratoga | 80 | 31 | 5.8 | 0.00 | -0.37 | 1.76 | 3.70 | -1.94 |

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